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Applicants: Masatoshi NAKANISHI et al. Conf No: 5737
Serial No.: 09/409,680 Group: 1752
Filed: September 30, 1999 Examiner: T. Chea
For: PHOTOGRAPHIC SOLID FINE-GRAIN DISPERSION, METHOD
FOR PREPARING THE SAME AND SILVER HALIDE
PHOTOGRAPHIC LIGHT-SENSITIVE MATERIAL

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated March 12, 2001, the period for replying having been extended three (3) months to September 12, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of preparing a photographic solid fine-grain dispersion, the method comprising the steps of:

successively bringing a slurry of a water-insoluble photographically useful compound in a grinding chamber of a dispersing machine, which chamber is filled with media,

allowing the compound to contact the media in the grinding

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